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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application No. | 09/990,801 |
| Filing Date | November 21, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | John Brinkman |
| Art Unit | 2837 |
| Examiner Name | Donels, Jeffrey |
| Attorney Docket Number | 3992P003 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed

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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: (\$0.00)
 - b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Eric T. King | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 44,188 |
| Signature | | Date | May 20, 2004 |

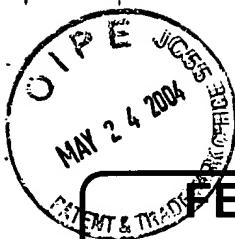
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| Name (Print/Type) | Nicole Erquiaga | Date | May 20, 2004 |
| Signature | | Date | May 20, 2004 |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 01/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

770.00

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit card Money Order Other None

Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number **02-2666**

Deposit Account Name **Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP**

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------------------|
| Fee Code | \$ | Fee Code | \$ | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | \$ | Fee Code | \$ | | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | (\$) | | | |

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|----------|
| Fee Code | Fee Code | Fee Description | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 2053 | 130 | 2053 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 920 * Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 1,840 * Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 210 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1404 | 330 | 2401 165 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 145 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 2451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 240 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 320 Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 2460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 1809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | 770.00 |
| Other fee (specify) | | | |

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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